

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:13 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Adam Walcoff led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: Councilman Todd Michael.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2024 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention by Councilwoman DeDomenicis. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

12 OF 2024 A BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,900,000) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW TURF MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD AT MEMORIAL PARK AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 12 of 2024 by title only. Councilman Walcoff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Ordinance No. 12 for final reading. Council President Ford opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 12. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Ford closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

191-2024 A Resolution authorizing 2024 Budget Appropriation transfers

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 191 of 2024 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve Resolution No. 191. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under item, **Consent Agenda**, are considered to be routine by City Council, and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds and any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately. All Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the minutes.

189-2024 A Resolution authorizing and scheduling paid Holidays for Calendar year 2025

190-2024 A Resolution confirming the appointment of Kevin Callender to the Linwood Recreation Board

192-2024 A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Thomas P. Flynn, Jr. as Fire Official for the City of Linwood

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 193-2024** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Premier Computer Services for Information Technology Network and Support
- 194-2024** A Resolution authorizing the participation with Atlantic County in applying for a Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Grant for web hosting and design based in a Content Management System

Council President Ford advised that Resolution No. 195 of 2024, A Resolution approving a Change Order with Command Company for the Monroe Avenue Bike Path Extension Project, was added to the agenda in the Caucus meeting. Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 189-190, 192-195 of 2024. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,076,255.35

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Kelly, to approve the bills for payment, less Purchase Order #25001851 in the amount of \$6,585.66. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Levinson, and Councilman Michael absent. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Ford opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic. Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Ford closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff congratulated Kevin Callender on his appointment to the Board of Recreation. He thanked the Police and Fire Departments for driving Santa around Linwood.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis acknowledged that the tree lighting was a huge success and she wished every Happy Holidays.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly commended the Recreation Board and Recreation Director on all the great events this year and thanked the Police and Fire Departments for all their public involvement.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford congratulated Kevin Callender on his appointment to the Recreation Board. He thanked the Fire and Police Departments for driving Santa around Linwood and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to adjourn at 6:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator
Municipal Clerk